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(2) what is the total annual cost of the manufacture of badges and other incidental charges ;

(3) what is the total annual cost of the staff maintained to carry out the provisions of the Acts ; and

(4) whether any rules have been framed under this Act ?

A.—For the year 1922–1923 the figures were as follows :—

(1) Income under Motor Vehicles Act—Rs. 48,147. Income under Hackney Carriages Act—Rs. 21,679.
(2) Cost of badges—Rs. 5,401.
(3) Cost of staff—Rs. 48,898. This figure cannot however be taken as a correct average as the staff was strengthened considerably on 1st January 1923.
(4) Rules under the Indian Motor Vehicles Act, 1914, have been framed and revised rules were published in Law Department Notification No. 209, pages 327 to 335 in Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 20th March 1923. The Madras Hackney Carriage Act, 1911, contains no provision for rule-making, but different sets of by-laws under section 50 of the Act have been issued for different areas to which the Act has been extended.

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" Is the staff common to carry out the provisions of both the Acts ? "

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" I believe so."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" What is the proportion of cost that is debited to the working of the Hackney Carriages Act ? "

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" I shall supply the information."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" May I ask whether the administration of the Hackney Carriages Act does not result in a loss ? "

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" I think so."

Police.

The staff of the Criminal Intelligence Department.

417 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the duties performed by the special branch of the Criminal Intelligence Department ;

(*b*) the staff employed in this department, i.e., their names, qualifications and pay and the duties performed by each member of the staff ;

(*c*) the duties of the Personal Assistant to the Deputy Inspector-General of Police (Railways and Criminal Intelligence Department) and his pay ;

(*d*) the reasons why only European clerks are employed in the special branch ; and

(*e*) whether those European clerks are given, besides their pay, house-rent allowance and special pay, and if so, how much ?

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A.—(*a*) & (*d*) The Government must decline to answer questions relating to the organization and duties of the Special Branch as to do so would be to the detriment of the public interest.

(*b*) The information is given in the annexed statement.*

(*c*) The Personal Assistant is in general charge of the Criminal Investigation Branch and the Finger Print Bureau but the details of his work cannot be given. His pay is that of Superintendent of Police plus a duty allowance of Rs. 200 per mensem.

(*e*) No special pay is given to the clerks, but houses are rented for them subject to a maximum of Rs. 60 per mensem to the head clerk and Rs. 50 per mensem to each of the other clerks.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answers given to clauses (*a*) and (*d*), may I request the hon. the Law Member to state whether the Government can give us any detailed reasons, apart from the vague answer 'that the Government must decline to answer questions relating to the organization . . . . '?"

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" In the very nature of things, I cannot give any further answer."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I say, Sir, that it is one of the duties of hon. Members on the Government Benches to answer ?"

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Is it a fact that the officers in this Department are all non-Indians ?"

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" That is a fact."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know the reason why they are non-Indians ?"

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" So they are."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know, with reference to the answer given in clause (*e*), why they should be given special allowance subject to a maximum of Rs. 60 ? I know what the nature of their duty is."

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" I must decline to answer that."

Constitution of districts, divisions and taluks.

Statement showing number of village officers affected by the regrouping of villages.

418 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to furnish—

(i) a statement showing the total number of village officers and of menials before the grouping of the villages was ordered, and their number after the grouping so far completed for each district ; and

(ii) a statement containing the number of persons whose services have been dispensed with, in consequence of the grouping, in each district under the following heads :—

(1) Village magistrates.	(5) Vettis.
(2) Village monigars.	(6) Nirgantis.
(3) Karnams.	(7) Ghaut talaiyaris ?
(4) Talaiyaris.	

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